

**MATH 217 W24 - LINEAR ALGEBRA, Section 001 (Dr. Paul Kessenich)**  
**Homework 3 Part B due Thursday, February 1 at 11:59pm**  
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1. Determine whether the following statements are true or false, and justify your answer with a proof or a counterexample.
- (a) For all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $(AB)^T = A^T B^T$ .

**Solution:**

$$(AB)^T = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} & a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} & a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) For all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $(AB)^T \neq A^T B^T$ .
- (c) For all matrices  $A$  and  $B$  such that the matrix product  $AB$  exists,  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ .
- (d) If  $A$  is a symmetric matrix, then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $A^n$  is also symmetric.
- (e) If  $A$  is a square matrix and  $A^2$  is symmetric, then so is  $A$ .